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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Installation of Deep Monitoring Wells in Wai'alae and Wai'anae, Hawai'i in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management located at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

The funding would be used for support the construction of two new deep monitoring wells on O'ahu, with a focus on the Waianae and Waialae-East Aquifer System Areas. Data from these wells will be used to refine current sustainable yield estimates, ensure that long term drinking water plans match scientific understanding, and respond to water threats from both contamination and drought. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will facilitate compliance with national primary drinking water regulations, address serious risks to public health including non-regulated contaminants such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and ensure the long-term security of drinking water resources on the Island of O'ahu.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

With aloha,

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Member of Congress